

viking coins



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Prior to the Viking conquest, Anglo-Saxon England had had an effective monetized economy, but the upheaval caused by the change of leadership led to the end of coinage within parts of the Danelaw. Arabic and Carolingian coins, such as the Charles the Bald (823 – 877) Denier above, were used as part of a 'bullion economy'.

A bullion economy is a 'weighted metal' economy which was commonly used in northern parts of Scandinavia and in Lincolnshire during the 9th century. This type of currency was primarily used for trading in Lincolnshire due to the Mint at Lincoln being out of use in the later 800s.